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Additional space for further statements by physician. WRITE PLAINTY, WITH UNFADING INK .-- THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH Comby	Radiotestina District	1 No. 291 File No. 2	20055
Township	Primary Registration	District No	5876
2. FULL NAME John	- W. Cor	nbs.	
(a) Besidence. No			ity or town and State) yrs. mes. d
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL P	ARTICULARS	MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF	DEATH
	NGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR IVORCED (write the word)	16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR)	na 15 19
5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF	<i>26.</i> '	I HEREBY CERTIFY, That attend	
6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR)		that I lest saw h phro or death occurred, on the date unit-above, at	, 19, and
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8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or perticular kind of work		(2) Se 21 10w. of 20 1	r. A. P. Lenay
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)		CONTRIBUTORY. (SECONDARY) (dwalies)	<i>a</i> _
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9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR "OWN)		IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATHT	1
10. NAME OF FATHER		DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATHI DATE WAS THERE AN AUTOPSYI	
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN (STATE OR COUNTRY)	\$ ×	WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?	ζ.
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER		(Signed)	, R
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OF TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)		*State the Dimensia Causing Death, or in death (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) wheth Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)	from Violent Causes, sta er Accidental, Suicidal,
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